

Aspull  
Urban District Council.

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Annual Report

of the

Medical Officer of Health

For the Year ending 31st December, 1922.



April, 1923.

To the Chairman and Members of the Aspull Urban District  
Council.

Gentlemen,—

I beg to submit my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Administration of the Township for the year ending December, 1922, together with the various tables prescribed by the Ministry of Health and the Lancashire County Council.

The Report is based on a scheme sent by the Ministry of Health.

#### GENERAL STATISTICS.

The area of the Township is 1,906 acres.

Its population in 1921 was 7,851.

The estimated population for 1922 is 8,136.

The number of inhabited houses is 1,670, containing 6,627 rooms.

Number of families or separate occupiers 1,806.

Rateable value of the Township is £24,759 15s. 0d., and a penny rate represents the sum of £80.

#### VITAL STATISTICS.

(a) BIRTHS.—The total number of births occurring in the district was 183, giving a birth-rate of 22.4 per 1,000 of the population. Last year's figure was 31.5, and the average for the past ten years was 27.4, so that the present figure shows a decline in the birth-rate.

Of these births 98 were males, 75 females, 10 were illegitimate, 3 males and 7 females.

(b) DEATHS.—The total number of deaths belonging to the district was 105. Of these 54 were males and 51 were females.

Details of these deaths are as follows:—

	Males.	Females.
Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System .....	1	2
Other Tuberculous Diseases .....	3	—
Cancer .....	2	6
Diabetes .....	—	1
Cerebral Hæmorrhage .....	2	5
Heart Disease .....	6	4
Arterio-sclerosis .....	2	3
Bronchitis .....	8	2
Measles .....	1	—
Diphtheria .....	—	1
Influenza .....	—	1
Pneumonia .....	7	5
Other Respiratory Diseases .....	—	1
Diarrhœa (under 2 years) .....	3	1
Appendicitis .....	1	—
Acute and Chronic Nephritis .....	1	5
Parturition (not Sepsis) .....	—	1
Congenital Debility, Malnutrition, etc. ....	5	9
Suicide .....	1	1
Other deaths from violence .....	4	—
Other defined diseases .....	7	3

This gives a death-rate of 12.9. Last year it was 12.5 and the mean for the past ten years was 16.5 (these figures are per 1,000 population). So the death-rate has declined somewhat.

The number of women who died on account of child-birth but not due to sepsis was 1.

#### INFANTILE MORTALITY.

The deaths of infants under one year number 24. This gives an infantile death-rate of 131 per 1,000 births.

The mean for the past ten years is 123 per 1,000 births, and last year's figure was 98. This shows a big increase, but it was not due to any epidemic such as summer diarrhœa. Only three deaths were from this cause.

I append a list of the causes:—

Broncho-Pneumonia and Bronchitis .....	7
Diarrhœa .....	3
Congenital Debility and Premature Birth .....	10
Asthenia .....	2
Asphyxia .....	1
Malnutrition .....	1
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Total .....	24

The number of illegitimate infants included in the above figures was 4.

The total deaths from Diarrhœa under 2 years of age was 4.

There was one death only from Measles and one from Diphtheria.

I append in table form the General statistics for the past year.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

The cases of notifiable diseases were as follows:—

		Deaths.	Removed to Hospital.
Diphtheria .....	12	1	—
Scarlet Fever .....	25	—	7
Enteric Fever .....	1	—	—
Puerperal Fever .....	1	1	—
Pneumonia .....	30	12	—

Tuberculosis, Pulmonary:

Cases.	Deaths.
Males 2. Females 2.	Males 1. Females 2.
Total cases 4.	Total deaths 3.

## Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis:

Cases.		Deaths.
Males 5.	Females 2.	Males 3.
Total cases 7.		Total deaths 3.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum 1. Treated at home; vision unimpaired.

Particulars of the age incidence of the above cases will be found in Table B, which I append.

All the deaths from tuberculosis had been previously notified.

The notification of tuberculosis cases is carried out satisfactorily, and there is no evidence of wilful neglect in this respect.

## CAUSES OF SICKNESS.

There was no particular cause of sickness apart from the cases notified. Pneumonia and Congenital Debility (including Premature Birth and Asthenia) stand out prominently in the death returns.

SUMMARY OF NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, HOSPITALS  
AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE  
DISTRICT.

## Professional Nursing in the Home.

- (a) General.—The Aspull and Haigh Nursing Association provides one nurse who assists in the nursing of patients at home, but does not attend cases of infectious nature such as Measles.

The Association is supported by voluntary subscriptions.

- (b) Infectious Diseases.—There is no arrangement for nursing these cases in the home of the patient.

Midwives.—The Public Health Authority does not subsidise nor does it employ any Midwives.

There are 6 Midwives practising in the district.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.—The Child Welfare, School Clinics, Tuberculosis, and Venereal Disease, are all under the care of the County Council.

Hospitals provided or subsidised by the Local Authority or by the County Council:

- (1) Tuberculosis.—This is provided for by the County Council.
- (2) Maternity.—No provision is made for these cases.
- (3) Children.—No provision is made.
- (4) Fever.—Arrangements are made with the Wigan Public Health Authority.
- (5) Small-Pox.—Arrangement is made with Wigan to take charge of these cases.

There is no provision made for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children in the district.

Council Office, Aspull.

To the Medical Officer of Health.

Sir,

I have great pleasure in submitting for your perusal my first Annual Report of the work done during the year ending 31st December, 1922.

As I only commenced duties on the 1st October, 1922, the majority of the inspections made were carried out during the months of November and December, consequently the defects found were unabated at the end of the year. This accounts for such a large proportion of the number of houses inspected not having been rendered fit.

The following is a summary of the number of notices issued and inspections made during the year:—

Number of Notices issued:

Formal	...	...	...	...	1
Informal	...	...	...	...	88
Number of Nuisances abated	...	...	...	...	54
Legal Proceedings taken	...	...	...	...	—
Number of Houses and Premises inspected re Nuisances and Complaints	...	...	...	...	53
Number of Houses Inspected and Recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations	...	...	...	...	37
Number of Visits to Infectious Disease Cases	...	...	...	...	89
Number of Visits to Slaughter-Houses	...	...	...	...	12
Number of Visits to Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops	...	...	...	...	38
Number of Visits to Workshops	...	...	...	...	52



## SUMMARY OF NUISANCES.

Defective Roofs	...	...	...	...	...	30
Defective Floors	...	...	...	...	...	17
Defective Door Frames and Doors	...	...	...	...	...	2
Defective Window Frames and Cords	...	...	...	...	...	27
Defective Chimneys	...	...	...	...	...	1
Defective Stairs	...	...	...	...	...	3
Defective Fireplaces	...	...	...	...	...	6
Damp Dwelling-house Walls	...	...	...	...	...	3
Dangerous and Defective Brickwork	...	...	...	...	...	13
Dirty inside Walls and Ceilings	...	...	...	...	...	25
Defective Sink Waste Pipes	...	...	...	...	...	8
Absence of Sink Waste Pipes	...	...	...	...	...	1
Defective Plaster to Walls and Ceilings	...	...	...	...	...	17
Defective Spouts (eave and down)	...	...	...	...	...	14
Choked Yard and W.C. Drains...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Fractured Yard and W.C. Drains	...	...	...	...	...	2
Dilapidated Privy Middens	...	...	...	...	...	3
Defective W.C. Cisterns	...	...	...	...	...	1
Improperly Keeping Poultry	...	...	...	...	...	3
Improperly Depositing Refuse	...	...	...	...	...	2
Accumulation of Manure	...	...	...	...	...	2

## SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

The slaughter-houses and shops where food is prepared for consumption have been regularly visited. Every attention has been given to the slaughter-houses to enforce compliance with the bye-laws, and there has been no cause to take any legal proceedings with reference to same.

Number of Slaughter-houses on Register	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number of Visits	...	...	...	...	...	12
Action taken	...	...	...	...	...	—

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Every case of infectious disease was visited and re-visited, the sanitary arrangements of each house being carefully in-

spected. The dwellings are fumigated, and where necessary the cleansing of the walls and ceilings follows.

Number of Dwellings Fumigated	...	...	...	50
Number of Articles Disinfected	...	...	...	300
Number of Visits <i>re</i> Infectious Disease	...	...	...	89

#### FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS ACT.

The workshops have been regularly and systematically visited and the regulations as to limewashing, cleanliness, etc., have been enforced.

Number of Workshops and Workplaces on Register	...	16
Number of Visits	... ..	32

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES OCCLESHAW, A.R.San.I.,  
Sanitary Inspector.

## AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

- (a) For Infectious Cases a Motor Ambulance is provided by Wigan.
- (b) For non-infectious cases and accidents the Police Motor Ambulance is available, also the Horse-driven Ambulance belonging to the Wigan Coal and Iron Company is lent by courtesy of the owners.

## LABORATORY WORK.

This work is done by the Wigan and District Laboratory.

The number of throat swabs examined for Diphtheria was 35.

The number of agglutination reactions for the Typhoid group of diseases was 2.

## SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

### PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

This consists of the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. L. Cooke, and the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Occleshaw.

I beg to present the Annual Report of the Nuisance Inspector.

### HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year ...	...	—
As part of the Municipal Housing Scheme ...	...	—

#### 1. Unfit dwelling-houses.

Inspection—(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ...	...	...	...	...	...	11
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(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910 ...	...	...	...	...	37
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(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	—
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...					63
2. Remedy of Defects without Service of formal Notices.						
Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	...	...	...	...	...	11
3. Action under Statutory Powers.						
A.—Proceedings under section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1919.						
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	...	...	...	...	—
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit:						
(a) by owners	...	...	...	...	...	—
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	...					—
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close	...					—
B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts.						
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied						26
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied:—						
(a) by owners	...	...	...	...	...	26
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	...					—

C.—Proceedings under sections 17 and 18 of the Housing,  
Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909.

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| (1) Number of representations made with a view to<br>the making of Closing Orders ... ..   | — |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which<br>Closing Orders were made ... ..   | — |
| (3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which<br>Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-<br>houses having been rendered fit ... .. | — |
| (4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which<br>Demolition Orders were made ... ..  | — |
| (5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursu-<br>ance of Demolition Orders ... ..   | — |

The general sanitary condition of the Township is improv-  
ing slowly, perhaps due largely to the increased cost of materials  
and labour, and also to the fact that the cottage property is  
owner by a large number of small owners. There is, however,  
a very marked desire, especially during the last few months to  
push forward the various sanitary improvements suggested.

We have been comparatively free from epidemics of infecti-  
ous disease, and the death-rate may be considered satisfactory.

L. COOKE, M.O.H.

TABLE A.

## COUNTY OF LANCASTER.

## URBAN DISTRICT OF ASPULL.

PARTICULARS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE  
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF  
HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1922.

## 1. GENERAL STATISTICS.—

Area (acres) 1,906.

Population (1922) 8,136.

†Number of inhabited houses (1921) 1,670.

†Number of families or separate occupiers (1921) 1,806.

Rateable value, £24,759 15s. 0d.

Sum represented by a penny rate, £80.

†Pending the issue of the Census Returns containing these figures, the Medical Officer of Health should insert estimated figures based on his own information.

2. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE  
YEAR 1922:—

## BIRTHS.

Legitimate ..... Total 173    Male 98    Female 75

Illegitimate ..... Total 10    Male 3    Female 7

Deaths ..... Total 105    Male 54    Female 51

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth:—

From Sepsis            ...            ...            ...            ...            —

From other causes    ...            ...            ...            ...            1

## Deaths of Infants under one year of age:—

Total 24.	Legitimate 20.	Illegitimate 4.	
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	...	1
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	—
Deaths from Diarrhœa (under 2 years of age)	...	...	1

## Rates per 1,000 of Population.

	Birth- rate	Death-rate from Tuberculosis of Death- Respiratory rate System	Rate of deaths under 1 year to 1000 Births.
Mean of 10 years,			
1912-1921 .....	27.4	16.5	0.82
1921 .....	31.5	12.5	0.24
1922 .....	22.4	12.9	0.36

## Increase or Decrease

in 1922 on—

Ten Years' Average ....	—5.0	—3.6	—0.46	+ 8
Previous Year .....	—9.1	+ 0.4	+ 0.12	+ 33

TABLE B.

## URBAN DISTRICT OF ASPULL.

3.—NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.—Number of cases of infectious disease notified, number of deaths from these diseases, number of cases removed to hospital, and deaths in hospital during the year 1922.

DISEASE	Total Cases at all Ages	Under 1	CASES NOTIFIED YEARS										Total Deaths 65 and over	Hospital Deaths in Total Cases removed to Hospital	Deaths in Hospital of persons belonging to district.
			1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65			
Diphtheria and															
Membranous Croup...	—	—	—	2	—	2	4	2	2	—	—	—	1	—	—
Erysipelas ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	1	4	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	10	7	4	3	—	—	—	7	—
Enteric Fever															
(including Paratyphoid)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
† Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	1													
Acute Primary Pneumonia	}	6	3	1	5	1	4	—	2	3	—	3	2	12	—
Acute Influenzal Pneumonia															
* Pulmonary Tuberculosis															
Males ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
Females ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	—
Other Forms of Tuberculosis—															
Males ...	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	3	—	—
Females ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	—	7	4	3	7	3	21	12	10	8	4	7	3	20	7

\*†† see next page.



\* (1) Specify the ratio of non-notified tuberculosis deaths to total tuberculosis deaths: All deaths reported had been previously notified.

(2) Add a note as to the efficiency of notification of tuberculosis in the district, and the action taken (if any) including particulars of any proceedings taken in cases of wilful neglect or refusal to notify: None. No cases of wilful neglect. Notification satisfactory.

† State whether any of these diseases are compulsorily notifiable in your district. If so, which, and for what period: None.

‡ Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

Number Notified	Cases Treated		Vision Unimpaired	Vision Impaired	Total Blindness	Deaths
	At Home	In Hospital Out Patient				
1	1	0	1	0	0	0

\*†† See previous page.

4. CAUSES OF SICKNESS.—Specify any causes of sickness and invalidity which have been specially noteworthy in the district during the year. (This should include information obtained from local general practitioners).

Number of times School Closure adopted for—Scarlet Fever nil, Whooping Cough nil, Diphtheria nil, Chicken-pox nil, Measles nil, Influenza nil.

§ Number of Reports made under Section 14 (4) Sanitary Officers' Order, 1922: Nil.

§ Section 14 (4) requires copies of Reports to be forwarded to the County Medical Officer of Health.

Signed,

L. COOKE,

Medical Officer of Health.

April 23rd, 1923.

## 5. SUMMARY (FOR REFERENCE) OF NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, HOSPITALS, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE DISTRICT.

Professional Nursing in the Home.—Arrangements in the district for—(a) General Nursing. District Nurse. (b) For Infectious Diseases, e.g., Measles, etc.: At Sanatorium, Wigan.

Midwives.—Is any midwife employed by or assisted by the *Local Authority*?—No.

Number of midwives on the County Council Register, 31st December, 1922: Number on Register 6. Number actually practising 6.

Any comments as to the sufficiency or otherwise of the midwifery service? Good.

What action has been taken by the Council respecting Child Welfare Work? Under County Council.

Has a local Child Welfare Centre been established?—Yes.

If so, where?—New Springs.

Give days and time open: Wednesday afternoon.

Have any of the following been provided in your district.—Day Nursery: No.

Institutional provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants, and homeless children: No.

School Clinic: Under County Council.

Tuberculosis Clinic: Under County Council.

Venereal Diseases Clinic: Under County Council.

Has any local scheme been prepared in regard to the Supply of Food and Milk for Expectant and Nursing Mothers, and of Milk for Infants?—No.

Is there a District Nursing Association in the District?—  
Yes. How many District Nurses employed?—One.

If so, does any arrangement exist between the Council and the Association in respect of Child Welfare Work?—No.

If no such arrangement exists, does the Association voluntarily undertake Child Welfare Work?—No.

Does the Association undertake—(a) \*Midwifery Cases?—  
No. (b) Monthly Nursing?—No.

(\*Attendance at confinement without a Medical Practitioner.)

Hospital Accommodation provided:—For Smallpox: Wigan. For other Infectious Diseases: Wigan. †Joint or otherwise: Otherwise.

†If you have the joint use of Isolation Hospital belonging to some other Authority, state nature of "Agreement," or "Arrangement." Is any Retaining Fee paid?

Number of Beds available *for your District*: For Smallpox: No definite number. For other Infectious Diseases: No definite number.

Is there any Hospital Accommodation in the district for—  
(a) Maternity Cases: No. (b) Children: No. (c) Tuberculosis: No.

Give postal address of Union Infirmary or other Public Institution in District: None in district.

Disinfection.—Number of houses disinfected?—50.  
Method (state disinfectant used)?—Formalin.

Are Houses disinfected after (a) Phthisis?—Yes. (b) Measles. No.

\*Apparatus used for Clothing, Bedding, etc. (steam or otherwise): Formalin Vapour.

Number of Articles disinfected: 300.

Where is Apparatus situated?—Council Offices.

\*If Apparatus at Hospital is available, is it used for the disinfection of Clothing, Bedding, etc., of Patients *not* removed to the Hospital?—No.

If not, please state how disinfection of Clothing, etc., in these cases is carried out: Formalin.

Ambulance facilities:—(a) For Infectious Cases?—Arrangement with Wigan (motor).

(b) For Non-infectious and Accident Cases?—Wigan Police and Wigan Coal and Iron Co. (horse).

(State in each case whether horse or motor.)

6. LABORATORY WORK.—Bacteriological Examinations. Number of Specimens examined: Blood 2, Sputum nil, Milk nil, Throat Swabs 35, Swabs for Ophthalmia Neonatorum nil.

Diphtheria Anti-toxin Order, 1910. Is a supply of Anti-toxin kept *within* the district?—Yes. If so, where?—Council Offices.

Amount used during 1922?—144,000 units.

7. SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.—Summary of the work of the Sanitary Department:

Source of Water Supply—Bolton Corporation.

What is its condition?—Good.

Possibilities of contamination?—None.

Any insufficiency, and where?—No.

Nature of extensions (if any) during the year?—No.

Are Scavenging and Removal of House Refuse carried out satisfactorily for whole of district?—Yes.

How performed (state whether by Sanitary Authority, Contract, or Occupiers of Houses)?—Sanitary Authority.

Are motor vehicles used —No.

If Privy Middens exist, are they emptied by day or night? —Day.

How is the Refuse disposed of?—Buried.

Has a Destructor been provided?—No.

Sewage Disposal Works—

Method of Treatment?—Taken to Wigan.

Areas, or Townships, without proper drainage system?—Hindley Mill Cottages (4 houses).

Action taken—Drain Testing, Flushing, etc.—Done regularly 4 times a year.

Action taken with regard to the Pollution of Streams?—Nil.

Canal Boats: Number Inspected?—Nil.

What is the condition of the Bakehouses?—Good. No.?—1.

What is the condition of Slaughter-houses?—Good. Number Registered?—2. Number Licensed?—2. Has a Public Abattoir been provided?—No.

What is the condition of Lodging-houses?—None.

What is the condition of Workshops and Workplaces?—Good.

What is the Sanitary condition of the Schools?—Good.

Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops.—Are they periodically inspected?—Yes. What is their condition?—Fair.

Have Regulations been made under the Order of the L.G.B.?—Yes. Are they enforced?—Yes.

Amount of air space in cubic feet required for each cow?—  
(a) Where cows are habitually grazed?—600 cubic feet. (b) where cows are *not* habitually grazed?—800 cubic feet.

Cowkeepers.—Total number of Cowkeepers?—19. Number on Register?—19. Number of Inspections during year?—2.

Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk (other than Cowkeepers).—Total Number of Dairymen or Milk Purveyors?—1. Number on Register?—1.

Any arrangements for veterinary inspection of dairy cows? Give particulars.—None.

Action taken (if any) as to tuberculous milk?—None.

Inspection of Food.—Action taken in respect of places where food is prepared?—Nil. Any food poisoning? Action taken?—No.

Amount of food condemned or surrendered as unfit for human consumption—(a) Tuberculous carcasses and parts?—(a) None. (b) Diseased, unsound, or unwholesome meat (other than (a) above)?—None. (c) Other foodstuffs?—(c) None.

Number of Legal Proceedings and result?—None.

Sale of Food and Drugs Acts and Milk and Cream Regulations—Action taken by Local Authority (if any)?—Under County Council.

Notices served—Nuisances.—Number of Notices served?—Informal 88, Statutory 1, Number of Nuisances abated 53. Number of Legal Proceedings taken and result?—Nil.

Closets and Ashpits.—Privy Middens. Number of Middens 720. Number of Closets attached to these Middens 336. Number of Pail Closets 4. Number of Dry Ashpits (excluding Middens) 66. Number of Fresh Water Closets 581. Number of Portable



Receptacles for refuse 449. Number of Waste Water Closets 1. Number of Privy Closets converted during 1922?—To Fresh W.C.'s 19, to Waste W.C.'s none, to Pails, etc., none. Number of Pail Closets converted to Fresh W.C.'s none, Waste W.C.'s none. Number of Waste W.C.'s converted to Fresh W.C.'s none. Does Council contribute towards the cost of conversion?—Yes. If so, how much?—Cost of Sewerage to Main Sewer. What kind of closet accommodation is being provided for new property?—W.C.

Smoke Nuisance.—Number of Observations 20. Number of Legal Proceedings taken and result nil. What is the time limit allowed for the emission of black smoke?—5 minutes.

Has the Authority adopted—"The Infectious Disease (Prevention) Act, 1890"?—No. "The Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907"?—Parts III. and IV. "The Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890"?—No. Any other adoptive Act?—No.

8. PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.—Medical Officer of Health: L. Cooke.

Salary (including Bonus) as Medical Officer of Health, 31st December, 1922?—£110.

Is he a whole-time Officer?—No.

Sanitary Inspector, J. Occleshaw.

Salary (including Bonus) as Inspector, 31st December, 1922?—£129 10s. 0d.

Is he a whole-time Officer?—No. If not, what other appointments does he hold?—Road Surveyor.

Assistant Sanitary Inspector(s)?—None.

9.—HOUSING.—Number of new houses erected during the year:—

(a) By private enterprise ... .. —

(b) As part of Municipal Housing Scheme ... .. —

Number of houses in course of erection under Council's  
Building Scheme ... .. —

Unfit Dwelling-houses—

Inspection—(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected  
for housing defects (under Public Health or Hous-  
ing Acts) ... .. 26

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected under  
the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations,  
1910 ... .. 37

Have the particulars of these inspections been fully re-  
corded as specified in the Regulations ... .. Yes

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so  
dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for  
human habitation ... .. —

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred  
to under (3) found not to be in all respects reason-  
ably fit for human habitation ... .. 63

Action under Statutory Powers—

A.—Proceedings under Section 28 of the Housing, Town  
Planning, etc., Act, 1919—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices  
were served requiring repairs ... .. —

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit:

(a) By owners ... .. —

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... .. —



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|--|-----|---|
| (3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close | ... | — |
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B.—\*Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

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| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —  |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 26 |
| (a) By owners  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 26 |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —  |

C.—Proceedings under Sections 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909.

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| (1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders   | ... | ... | ... | — |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made   | ... | ... | ... | — |
| (3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit | ... | ... | ... | — |
| (4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made  | ... | ... | ... | — |
| (5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders   | ... | ... | ... | — |

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| D.—Number of houses demolished voluntarily by owners, or converted to workshops, etc. | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
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\* Refers only to action taken in reference to housing defects.

Notices with regard to drainage and other defects should be included under Sanitary Administration.

Notable Sanitary Improvements during 1922.—Nine privies to 19 W.C.'s and 9 W.C.'s provided (additional).

Chief Sanitary Requirements of District.—Conversion of middens into Water Closets, Paving of Yards, Repairs and Cleaning generally to property.

Signed,

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Medical Officer of Health.

April 23rd, 1923.